

1 I believe that the legislature will in a very short
2 time consider lowering the age of majority to the voting
3 age. I state that because there are members of the
4 present Senate and House who sit as Delegates among us
5 who have concurred that they will, if a lower voting
6 age appears in the constitution, bring this matter to the
7 legislature at the next session.

8 I can refer to the testimony of Senator
9 Staten and Delegate Abramson before our Committee when
10 they were questioned on lowering the voting age, whether
11 they would vote to lower the age of majority. They
12 said they would because they felt that full adult legal
13 responsibility should be placed along with the mantle of
14 suffrage.

15 I would just like to give you two brief
16 quotations from two newspapers in the Baltimore area.
17 The News American which stated, "The affirmation of
18 confidence of responsibility of today's youth is one that
19 will be incurred if we lower the voting age, not just
20 responsibility in suffrage, but total responsibility".
21 The Sun Papers of October 1 said, "If the Convention